allowed to be taken out helped by the police in 1923, and why gods are allowed to be installed in the said chattram contrary to the orders of the District Magistrate; and

(c) whether the Muhammadans of the place have not been protesting against the action of the late Chettiyar from the beginning; if so, what was the result of their protests?

A.—(a) Several District Magistrates have disapproved and have ordered that no public worship should be performed from the chattram of the late Chettiyar.

(b) & (c) The District Judge of Kurnool in O.S. No. 6 of 1925 has held that the owner of the choultry and the temples contained therein are entitled to conduct and carry on the worship of the deities according to Hindu rites and usages and to carry the idols in procession through the public streets and has also granted the owner a permanent injunction restraining the Muslims from interfering with his religious and lawful rights in these matters.

Alleged Hindu-Muslim tension in Odayathur village.

*182 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any reports or representations about any Hindu-Muslim tension in Odayathur village, Tirukkoyilur taluk of South Arcot district;

(b) whether it is a fact that there have been cases and counter-cases between the members of the two communities and if so, with what results; and

(c) what action, if any, has been taken in the matter by Government or the subordinate officers and what is the state of communal feeling in the village at present?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. A case and counter-case between the two communities were filed in April 1924. The accused in both cases were discharged.

(c) The Government have taken no action. There is now no ill-feeling between the communities.

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"With regard to clauses (a) and (c) of this question, may I know if some of the Muhammadan gentlemen of the place have not sent up a mahazar to the Government that they were being persecuted by the other people?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"No such mahazar has come to my notice, but I shall inquire if any has been received by the local authorities. However I may say, that we were told that the feelings had died down; but if the facts are otherwise we shall have to take steps."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"I only say that I have got a copy of the mahazar alleged to have been sent to the hon. the Law Member. Probably he will make further inquiries in the matter."

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir."